

THIS IS MY BIBLE LIFESAVERS-ZEPHANIAH LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED

- 1. We are all familiar with the story of the Titanic. The ship that people claimed that "even God couldn't sink this ship." We all know how the story tragically ends. However, many people forget that the operators and even the captain were given repeated warnings of icebergs in the ship's path. Those warnings were not taken seriously. In the book of Zephaniah, the prophet warns God's people over and over that judgment would be coming if they did not repent. Read Zephaniah 3:2 and discuss a time when you received or had given advice to someone about the negative direction they were headed in their life.
- 2. Discuss your thoughts on the subject of the "wrath of God." Do you see God as wrathful? Why or why not?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1. What is the "Day of the Lord" as described in Zephaniah 1? How does this depiction affect your understanding of God's character?
- In what ways does God's wrath coexist with His mercy and love, based on Zephaniah 1?
- 3. What is God jealous about (Zephaniah 1:18; 3:8)? Is it right for God to be jealous? What does the Bible mean when it says God is jealous?
- 4. What specific sins are mentioned in Zephaniah 1 and 2? What does this tell us about the appropriate way to approach God?
- 5. Zephaniah 1:12 mentions people who are "complacent in their sins." How can this concept of complacency apply to us today? What are some modern-day examples of complacency in spiritual or moral matters, and how can we address them in our lives?
- 6. In Zephaniah 2:3, the prophet calls people to seek righteousness and humility. How does this call challenge us to live differently? What are practical ways we can embody humility and righteousness in our daily lives?
- 7. Despite the strong messages of judgment, Zephaniah ends with a vision of restoration and joy (Zephaniah 3:14-20). How does this vision of hope contrast with the earlier messages of doom? What does it teach us about the nature of God's promises and the future of His people?

APPLYING THE MESSAGE

- 1. How has the study of Zephaniah impacted your view of God's character and your personal faith journey? Are there any specific verses or messages from the book that have particularly resonated with you?
- 2. Which portions of the Sunday message stood out to you and why?